

**Cass River Greenway Meeting Minutes**  
**June 8, 2021**  
**Vassar City Office 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

**June 19 Paddle & Swim**

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Paddle & Swim event will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Plans are similar to past years, with participants launching from Vassar and Tuscola. A gathering for refreshments and fellowship will be held in Frankenmuth's Heritage Park at noon.

**2021 River Clean Up**

Gene and Nancy reported on a plan for cleaning the remaining stretches of river between Caro and Cass City not yet addressed. September 18<sup>th</sup> has been chosen as the date, which coincides with National Clean Up Day. Caro Motor Sports, 1660 E. Caro Road (M-81), will host the meeting place for sign ups, safety talks and team assignments beginning at 8:15 am. Additional information will be emailed and posted at a later date.

**Log Jam Update**

The log jam downstream of Bridgeport's Davis Park and upstream of M-13 was successfully removed during the last week of April. The work was completed by Zervan Brothers Excavating, who did an outstanding job. We also thank property owner Mark Schluckbier for allowing access to the river. The \$24,000 project was funded by: Frankenmuth Credit Union Foundation For Our Communities, Frankenmuth Community Foundation, Frank N. Andersen Foundation, William McNally Family Foundation, Star of the West Milling Company, Jolt Credit Union, Arno & Caroline Mossner Memorial Foundation, Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN), Knights of Bavaria, Frankenmuth Insurance Charitable Foundation and Cass River Greenway.

**Terrain 360 Project**

There has been no progress made on formatting the T-360 data into our Water Trail website.

**2021 Phragmites Plan**

Will Green, Tuscola County Road Commission, indicated he will once again request Road Commission approval for treatment budget in 2021. If approved, the CRG recommends treatment of Tuscola Township.

### **Sturgeon Releases Planned for 2021**

A tentative date for the sturgeon release into the Cass River is set for August 20. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

### **“Camp Tuscola” State Land/Tuscola County Parks**

Robert McKay reported that the acquisition of Cass River frontage to Tuscola County is complete. The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners have designated the property as park land and assigned it to the Tuscola Country Parks & Recreation Commission. The first priority is to establish a kayak/canoe launch, which will then be the next upstream public launch from our M-46 launch.

### **Cass City Launch Discussion**

The Cass City Parks and Recreation Master Plan now includes a goal for the addition of a kayak/canoe launch. Discussions regarding site and timing continue.

### **Vassar Pedestrian Bridge**

Vassar City Manager, Andrew Niedzinski, reported on their plan to construct a pedestrian bridge across the river, linking the kayak launch with the park on the opposite side.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 1:00 – 3:00PM  
At the Vassar City Office**

Bob Zeilinger, June 24, 2021